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Province unveils record-setting budget

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Exceptional times call for exceptional measures, says Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott.

Last week, the Ford government unveiled a record-setting provincial budget, with a total of some \$187 billion in spending and running a deficit of more than \$38 billion for 2020/21.

"We live in pandemic times, in unusual times," Scott told the *Times*, adding that while the government's plan had been to balance the province's books by 2023, "now we need to spend."

The budget, titled Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover contains more than \$15 billion to fight COVID-19, including direct support to hospitals for beds, addressing the province's surgical backlog, the purchase of vaccines, and other measures.

Also included in that funding is money to

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Premier Doug Ford was in Minden last week on Nov. 4 to make a broadband funding announcement ahead of the release of the provincial budget. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Ford makes broadband funding announcement in Minden

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Ontario Premier Doug Ford and members of his cabinet were in Minden on Wednesday, Nov. 4 to make a substantial funding announcement regarding broadband internet.

That announcement, which came ahead of Thursday's provincial budget, was for \$680 million in new funding for internet projects throughout Ontario, which comes in addition to \$315 million in existing funding through what the government calls Up To Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan. The announcement took place within the Minden branch of the Haliburton County

Public Library.

"For communities like Minden, better broadband can make a world of difference," Ford said. "It means more economic development, more chances to grow a business, more opportunities for young people, and we'll continue to grow and expand these investments, with our telecom and municipal

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\$680 million allotted for broadband expansion

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partners.”

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott called the announcement a “watershed moment” for broadband.

“This includes the doubling of our ICON [Improving Connectivity for Ontario] program, adding an additional \$150 million, bringing ICON funding to \$300 million,” Scott said. An announcement of the initial \$150 million for the program was made in the spring. “This adds to the \$315 million that Ontario has invested in the past year.”

All the funding combined totals nearly \$1 billion over a six-year period.

“We’re hopeful that the federal government will release its Universal Broadband Fund,” Scott said. “Ontario has stepped up and is putting \$1 billion on the table. Ontario isn’t waiting any longer. That is why we are taking action today. As the premier has said, there is no more important infrastructure project than broadband.”

The federal government subsequently announced the launch of the Universal Broadband Fund on Nov. 9, a \$1.75-billion program that aims to connect all Canadians, regardless of where they live, with broadband internet by 2030. The announcement did not include specifics about how the new funding would be accessed.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin sits on the board of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is currently embarking on its \$213-million cell gap project, which aims to connect the remaining areas of eastern Ontario with low or no connectivity with mobile broadband internet.

“2020 has been a year like no other,” Devolin said. “COVID-19 has highlighted the necessity for access to reliable, high-speed internet services for all Ontarians. Just as the construction of the railroad brought people together spurring economic growth across the country, building broadband networks that allow residents and businesses to connect with each other and the world, will help our communities here and across the province flourish. EORN has been fortunate to work with the provincial and federal governments on joint connectivity projects, including the current cell gap project.”

The provincial and federal government each supplied \$71 million for that project, the remainder coming from telecom providers, as well as municipal governments.



Above, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Infrastructure Minister Laurie Scott speaks at a broadband funding announcement in Minden on Nov. 4. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Right, Ontario Finance Minister Rod Phillips speaks about the province’s new budget.

“When this project is completed, it will ensure that no matter where people live, work or travel on major roadways, that they can use their mobile devices to make a call or connect to do important business. We know that this is just one component of a connected region, and more needs to be done. EORN looks forward to continuing to work with the government of Ontario to help our communities.”



Tourism tax credit meant to spur economy

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increase the amount of one-on-one care residents of long-term care facilities in the province receive from nurses and personal support workers, which according to the government, will increase average daily direct care to four hours per day.

“That’s a welcome relief,” Scott said. For PSWs, “there’s a lot of them that aren’t working,” she said, explaining that part of the provincial strategy is to recruit under-employed PSWs into the province LTC system.

The budget also includes \$18 billion for capital grants for hospitals over the next 10 years, for the construction of new spaces, as well as renovations and modernization upgrades to existing facilities. Some \$572 million is earmarked for COVID-19-specific purposes, such as testing centres, lab and medical equipment, and personal protective equipment.

The COVID-19 pandemic has walloped Ontario’s economy, particularly its tourism sector, and the budget contains measures designed to assist the tourism industry.

“The tourism tax credit is a big pillar of recovery,” Scott said. The government intends to promote 2021 as the “year of the staycation,” although amid rising numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases in the province, Scott noted the government is not advocating that yet. “We’re waiting until these numbers calm down.” While the details are not completely clear at this time, a press release from the province says the tourism tax credit will provide a tax credit of up to 20 per cent of expenses for visiting Ontario destinations.

Scott noted the budget also contains a \$100-million fund that will make monies available to tourism, sport and cultural organizations, and the release from the province indicates there will be a separate, one-time injection of \$25 million for

cultural institutions.

For workers in the tourism and hospitality sector who’ve lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic, Scott said there is \$180 million being made available for retraining for new careers through Employment Ontario.

The budget also includes \$680 million in new funding for the expansion of rural, broadband internet, with that funding announcement made by Premier Doug Ford in Minden on Nov. 4. Combined with existing funding, the funding totals nearly \$1 billion over six years, and during the funding announcement last week, Scott said given the amount of money the province had put on the table, she hoped the federal government would unlock its Universal Broadband Fund to help to address continuing connectivity gaps across Ontario.

In terms of direct support for families amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, Scott pointed out the budget contains a one-time payment of \$200 per child, or \$250 per child if that child has special needs, to assist with online learning expenses.

For businesses with a payroll of less than \$1 million, they will be exempt from paying the employer health tax, which the government says will apply to some 30,000 businesses across the province.

Scott also noted the province is developing a mechanism whereby municipal governments could opt to cut property taxes for small business, with the province providing funding to municipalities to offset those tax decreases.

“It’s a bit of a pressure valve for small businesses,” she said.

A press release from the province notes the substantial drop in revenue for the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation amid the pandemic, with casinos closing down. Revenues for OLG so far for 2020 have been \$200 million, versus \$2.3 billion in 2019.

Drowning suspected on Lake Kashagawigamog

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A person died in Lake Kashagawigamog in a suspected drowning during the weekend, the Haliburton Highlands OPP have confirmed.

Police have confirmed that on Saturday, Nov. 7, a group of males were swimming in the lake when one did not resurface. He has been identified as 23-year-old Mohamed Amar Mukhtar of Mississauga. The Minden Hills Fire Department, the OPP’s aviation unit, and underwater search and recovery unit assisted in the search. A post-mortem examination will take place in Toronto.



AH looks at live-streaming options

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

During a Nov. 5 meeting, Algonquin Highlands councillors discussed options for continuing the live-streaming of council proceedings once it is safe to reconvene meetings in person.

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, council meetings for the lower-tier councils and upper-tier council of Haliburton County have been taking place through online conferencing app Zoom, typically with the mayors stationed in council chambers while remaining council members participate from their homes. The Zoom meetings are then broadcast to the public via YouTube.

During last week's meeting, councillors received a report from county IT director Mike March outlining options for the continuation of live-streaming meetings, which would include the purchase of audiovisual equipment for council chambers.

That process would include the installation of a video camera to capture council proceedings, the purchase of microphones for use by councillors and staff, as well as a large monitor, either to be mounted on the wall or on a moveable cart, to allow council to interact with residents and presenters making delegations though Zoom.

The option with the moveable cart was the most expensive at approximately \$13,600. March said he thought that aesthetically and functionally, this option might be best, since it would allow councillors to look more directly at a delegate, rather than looking up at a wall-mounted monitor.

"I don't mind spending a little bit of money so that we do it right, so that we do the meetings well, so that we can focus on the meetings, and that there is the most opportunity for the public to pay attention," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Money for the equipment will come from provincial modernization funding received by the township.

"We do have the modernization money, and this is definitely a step toward the modernization of business practices," Moffatt said.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird noted there is no date currently planned for reconvening of in-person council meetings.

"We are just getting ready for when it's safe for council to be in the council chamber again," Bird said.

"Yeah, there's no plan for council to implement this live-streaming system and then start coming to the office," Moffatt said.

She noted the live-streaming of meetings would extend beyond the pandemic. "The public is enjoying watching meetings, and seeing what's being discussed and how," Moffatt said. "So, this is meant to accommodate a longer term accessibility of our business to the public, notwithstanding the challenges we face at the moment, with COVID."

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said she'd like to explore the option of allowing councillors to participate via Zoom from their own laptops while sitting around the council table, de-



Algonquin Highlands councillors discuss options for live-streaming meetings once it's safe to reconvene meetings in council chambers during a Nov. 5 meeting. / Screenshot

spite some potential problems with audio feedback, rather than broadcasting a single shot of council chambers to the public. "I still feel that seeing individual faces, like we are seeing now, is a more effective means of communicating, even to the general public who are watching, than seeing tiny little heads, you know, in the distance, scattered around a room," Dailloux said. "I believe that I would prefer to try using Zoom from our personal computers as we're sitting in council chambers, to see if we can do away with some of the risks of the feedback loops and all of those things, first, before we spend money on equipment."

March said that type of setup would require either one cen-

tral microphone source, or for councillors to wear headsets. He reiterated that if everyone's mics were activated on their laptops, those mics would pick up sound from their neighbours and potentially cause feedback.

"I do like what Councillor Dailloux is saying about a face-on view, for everybody to see," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen. "I like that better than a distance view."

"Hearing what council is saying, I'm wondering if we as staff can take this away and maybe do some experimenting and bring it back for some recommendations to council," Bird said.

The issue will come back to the council table.

COVID-19 Cases Reported by Date

COVID-19 Cases by Age, Sex, Setting, and Outcome

COVID-19 Rates by Sex and Age-Group

New Cases Reported Today

0	0	1
Haliburton	KawarthaLakes	Northumberland

Total Confirmed Cases to Date

22	188	52	262
Haliburton (HAL)	Kawartha Lakes (CKL)	Northumberland (NTH)	HKPRDHU

COVID-19 Contacts, Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by County

County	Cases Not Resolved	Cases Resolved	Current High-Risk Contacts	Current Probable Cases	Hospitalizations (Total to date)	Deaths among Confirmed Cases	Deaths among Probable Cases
Haliburton	1	21	3	0	1	0	0
Kawartha Lakes	1	168	9	0	11	19	13
Northumberland	2	49	12	0	3	1	0

Two of three confirmed COVID-19 cases in Haliburton County announced last week have resolved, with one confirmed case active and three current high-risk contacts being reported in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's Nov. 10 update of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the region. For more information visit <http://www.hkpr.on.ca/>. /Screenshot

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Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

November 26 – Council Meeting

December 10 – Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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The Snowmobile Bridge located in downtown Minden, which spans the Gull River, has been installed as of Tuesday, October 20, 2020 in preparation for the upcoming winter season. The Bridge is currently closed to all traffic, including pedestrians, with barrier fencing installed at either end of the bridge. The public is reminded to respect the barrier fencing and use caution near the water, as the weather conditions during this time of year and as we move into the winter months, can create unstable and potentially dangerous conditions.

WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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- Please contact the Building Department for any questions or clarifications.

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Lakefront property owners asked to watch for blue-green algae

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations is asking lakefront property owners to check their lakes for blue-green algae after several suspected blooms were found in the county.

The blooms have not yet been confirmed as blue-green algae, plant-like organisms which can render water dangerous to drink or swim in, but CHA chair Paul MacInnes said he wants residents to be on the lookout.

“Given the number of recent suspected blue-green algal blooms in the county, we encourage all lakefront property owners to act out of an abundance of caution,” he said in an email.

He advised residents to take the following steps: be on the lookout for potential blooms in the lake; if you see one, report it; tell your lake association and your neighbours; do not let anyone, including pets drink water from the lake if a suspected bloom is present.

The following information is from the CHA. More can be found at <https://www.cohpoa.org/lake-health-3/algae-and-algal-blooms>

What is it? Info from MOECP

- Blue-green algae are microscopic, plant-like organisms that occur naturally in ponds, rivers, lakes and streams.
- Although often blue-green, they can also be olive-green or red.

How to recognize it

- Blue-green algae are not normally visible in the water, but



An example of a blue-green algae bloom. If you suspect there is blue-green algae in your lake, contact your lake association and the municipality and do not drink or use the water. Pets should likewise not drink or swim in the water. /Photo submitted

populations can rapidly increase to form a large mass or scum called a bloom when conditions are favourable.

- Blooms most commonly occur in late summer and early fall. They thrive in areas where the water is shallow, slow moving and warm, but they may be present in deeper, cooler water.

• Dense blue-green algae blooms may make the water look bluish-green, or like green pea soup or turquoise paint. Very dense blooms may form solid-looking clumps.

- Fresh blooms often smell like newly mown grass, while older blooms may smell like rotting garbage.

Real estate fraud at heart of novelist's newest mystery

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

As a journalist writing about financial issues, Rosemary McCracken reported on fraud and saw the impact a successful scam could have on ordinary people and their livelihoods.

In her 40-year career in which she reported for the *Financial Post* and *Calgary Herald*, McCracken paid close attention to the Bernie Madoffs of the world, imagining what it must feel like for the victims of financial crimes.

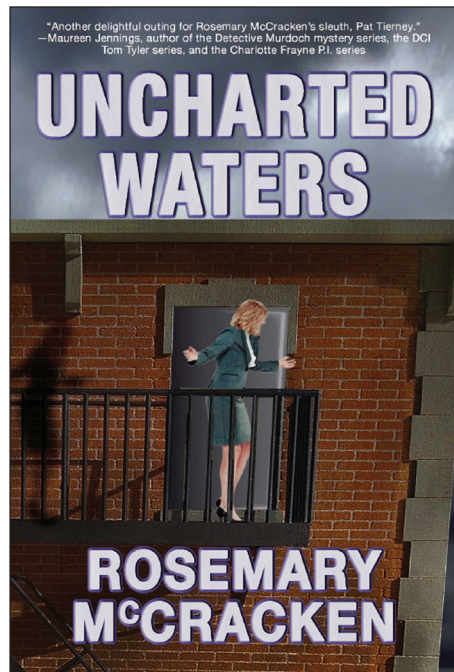
“It really boiled my blood,” McCracken said in an interview with the *Minden Times* last week.

When she decided to branch out into fiction writing, it followed that her protagonist, Pat Tierney, would be a financial planner with a Jessica Fletcher-like propensity for finding herself in situations involving financial crimes and murder.

“Pat, my character, she’s very concerned about this too, especially [for] the ordinary people who get ripped off. If you’ve got millions, maybe you can lose a few, but you know, if you’ve spent years paying off your mortgage, putting your kids through school, saving for your retirement, and then someone comes along [and steals your money], you’ve got nothing.”

McCracken’s first book, *Safe Harbor*, was published in 2012 and involved money laundering. The second, *Black Water*, involved a spyware scam; the third, *Raven Lake*, a cottage rental scam; and her most recent book, *Uncharted Waters*, involves real estate fraud.

Her second and third books were based in a location very similar to the Haliburton Highlands, and at the time she owned a cottage in Algonquin Highlands. Although she has since sold the cottage, the Toronto-based author still travels annually to the Haliburton Highlands. Most recently, she



Uncharted Waters, the latest in the Pat Tierney series by Rosemary McCracken, involves real estate fraud and murder in this Toronto-based novel.

stayed at a cottage on Boshkung Lake for a month.

She’s a member of the Haliburton Highlands Writers’ and Editors’ Network, which she first connected with during the literary festival in Minden in 2012.

“[The area] is just so beautiful. It’s a place you want to be if you’re writing something or making something. Look at all the wonderful artists that there are [in the Highlands],” she said.

Navigating the complicated nature of financial crimes, pre-

serving the drama while skirting the cumbersome details, is something McCracken said she’s become adept at through her writing.

Her books have been called “financial thrillers,” she said, “but they’re very on the low-key side. There are some financial thriller writers who have been stockbrokers on Wall Street, bond traders, ... and they really get into it and I am bored stiff myself.”

To ensure she keeps her readers engaged, she focuses on the important details.

“I want the books to appeal to everybody. So we know money is missing, or we know there’s a scam to take money out of your home, but we don’t have to know all the nitty gritty about how it’s done,” she said.

And of course, greed can lead to murder, McCracken points out.

“It can lead to lying, all sorts of corruption, but it also ... if someone’s greedy enough they’ll murder you. So there’s always a murder in the books.”

In *Uncharted Waters*, Pat Tierney has left cottage country and is in Toronto, where she buys a small financial planning practice. Unfortunately, the business’s vendor is found murdered and Tierney searches for his killer to clear her name.

The book is available for purchase at Amazon.ca. Read more on Rosemary McCracken at rosemarymccracken.com.

Minden Rotary to launch online auction

Following the cancellation of their annual gala dinner and auction in June due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Minden Rotary Club decided to raise money in another way.

Volunteers asked the community to donate items for an online auction and have received more than 70, which will soon be posted on Facebook for bidding.

Items will begin appearing at www.facebook.com/mindenrotaryonlineauction starting on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m. and the auction closes Nov. 28 at 4 p.m. All donations will go

to local initiatives.

“Bidders will be asked to place their bids in the comment section under each item and the winning bidder will be notified by [direct message],” said fundraising chair Sharon Foster by email. “The rules for the auction are pinned as a post to the top of the page.”

Those who wish to make financial donations to Rotary can do so at www.mindenrotary.ca.

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“If you’ve got millions, maybe you can lose a few, but you know, if you’ve spent years paying off your mortgage, putting your kids through school, saving for your retirement, and then someone comes along [and steals your money], you’ve got nothing.”

— ROSEMARY MCCracken

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AH approves video surveillance policy

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council has approved a video surveillance policy for the township, but has no plans to install surveillance cameras at this time.

Councillors heard a presentation from Haliburton County IT director Mike March during a Nov. 5 meeting.

"I started developing this video surveillance policy after our IT department began receiving requests to investigate video surveillance systems, at both the county and our local municipalities," March said. County council adopted the policy in June, and it has since gone to its four lower-tier municipal councils for adoption.

"Obviously, due to the sensitive nature of collecting video surveillance in public areas, the risk of data breaches and proper uses, etc., I wanted to ensure that there was strong policy and process framework in place before we proceeded with any of these projects," March said.

The policy lays out a series of guiding principles, and specifies how footage is collected, under which circumstances it may be shared with law enforcement, how information would be destroyed, etc.

Much of the substance of the policy came from the office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, and it has been reviewed by the county's legal counsel.

"It's just a preventative measure, there's no intent at this time to install cameras unless council wants to do that, then that would become a budget item for further discussion," said Mayor Carol Moffatt, who noted the township does have a webcam for security purposes at the Stanhope Airport.

"So basically what this does is just prepares us if we decide that we need, in any particular location, to put a camera up," said Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels.

A public consultation process would accompany the proposed installation of security cameras.

"Algonquin Highlands acknowledges the importance of public consultation when new or additional video surveillance systems are considered for Algonquin Highlands-owned buildings and property," the policy reads. "The extent of public consultation may vary depending on the extent of public access."

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What this does is just prepares us if we decide that we need, in any particular location, to put a camera up.

— DEPUTY MAYOR LIZ DANIELSEN

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Birdhouses contribute \$2,000 to charity

Tom Burke has reached \$2,000 in sales of his birdhouses, which he's been building since the pandemic resulted in more time at home for the Minden resident in March. Each time he reaches \$500 in sales of the birdhouses – which are offered for a price of pay-what-you-can, he donates to a local charity, with donations to Minden and Haliburton food banks and SIRCH to date. After reaching this milestone, \$500 was donated to Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. Since beginning the project, he now has a little help from a friend – artist Georgia Peschel, who adds her creative touch./Submitted photo

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A different Remembrance Day

LIKE ALMOST everything in 2020, Remembrance Day will look much different this year amid the continuing COVID-19 pandemic.

That, however, doesn't preclude any of us from taking part in the act of remembrance.

Normally in Minden, hundreds of residents would gather downtown near the cenotaph on the Village Green. Members of the Minden Legion would parade in the colours, and numerous residents, politicians and representatives of various organizations would participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the foot of the cairn. The Last Post would be played, students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School would sing a song or make a presentation, and a community gathering would take place at the Legion following the ceremony.

Normally, similar ceremonies would play out in thousands of communities across the country.

That will not be the case this year. Members of the Minden Legion's executive will take place in a scaled-down ceremony at the cenotaph, but it is not a public event. The story in other communities will be the same.

Rather, with health and safety in mind amid the ongoing pandemic, the Royal Canadian Legion is asking Canadians to observe Remembrance Day at home this

year. "With Remembrance Day fast approaching, The Royal Canadian Legion is reminding Canadians that the best way to pay tribute to our fallen this year, is at home," reads a press release issued by the Royal Canadian Legion earlier this week. "For the first time ever, people are asked not to attend ceremonies in person."

The county's major broadcasters will air the national Remembrance Day ceremony from Ottawa, and

the Legion is also broadcasting the event live on its Facebook page at <https://m.facebook.com/CanadianLegion/>

However, just because Canadians can't congregate the way we normally do for these sombre ceremonies, does not



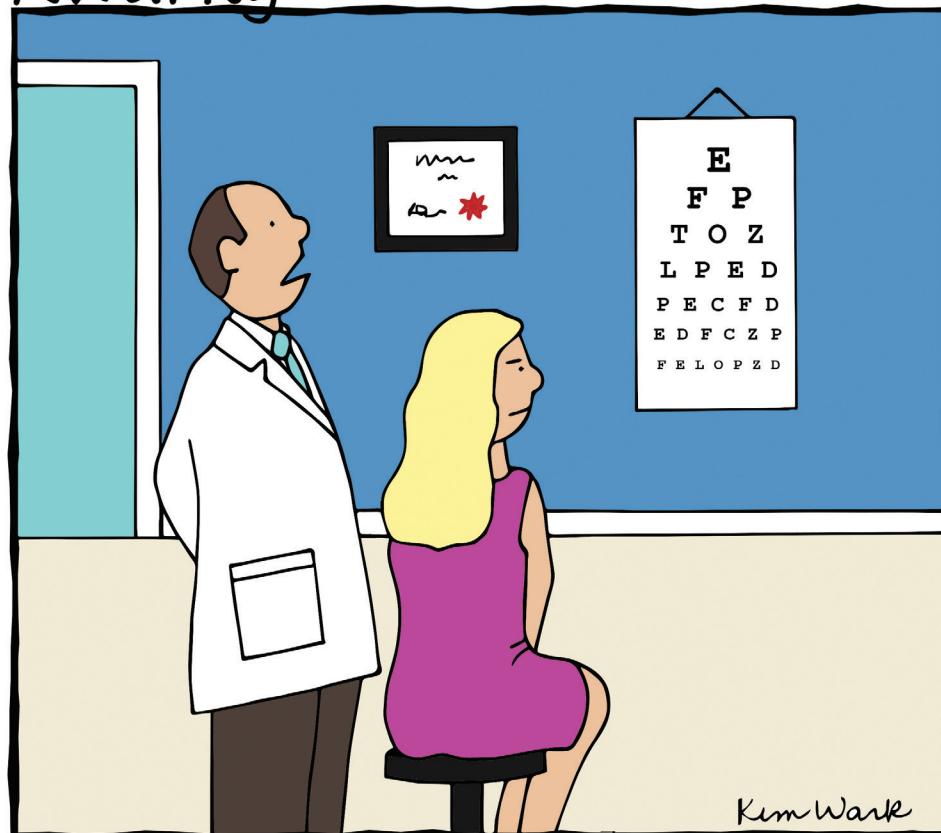
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mean we can't time, if even a few minutes, out of our day on Nov. 11 to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many, and on the horrors of war itself.

"It is disappointing to discourage people from attending ceremonies this year," Danny Martin, director of the national ceremony, said in the release. "However, beyond watching national and local broadcasts, thankfulness is also reflected by wearing a poppy, a profound gesture. And wherever they may be, Canadians can take two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. on the 11th."

Divided we stand, but united, we will remember them.

Kwarky



"Are you seeing...anyone?"

Of grouse and men

THERE COMES a time in every grouse hunter's life when they have to show their new hunting dog that dreams don't always come true. That typically happens on its first hunt when birds are encountered.

The pup, if it is like most, is usually full of energy, focus and ambition to hunt grouse. Worse still, it looks upon its master as perhaps the single greatest human being on the face of the earth. After all, it thinks, this is the person who plays retrieve with me, who lets me run in the fields and woods, who feeds and praises me, and give me snacks. Heck, he or she even picks up my poop and has bought me a couch to sleep on.

Plus, that pup has probably listened closely when its master regaled others about his or her shooting prowess and how the grouse won't stand a chance because of that and his new dog.

So, it is only natural that the pup has the expectation to flush birds and watch this great person shoot them down, so that they can both have fun with the retrieving part.

Often, however, that dream crumbles when the first bird goes up.

Typically, it goes like this.

The dog does exactly what it was trained to do. It quarters happily in front of the hunter. Then it recognizes bird scent, follows it and either flushes or points a grouse. In either case the result is the same. A bird rises up and presents the hunter – that dog's master – with what could arguably be called the easiest shot opportunity ever presented.

If the hunter hits the grouse, that's great. My best advice to that hunter is quit then

and there and leave their dog with the happy memory of how perfect it was. It will be proud of you for the rest of its life.

Most of us are not so lucky, however. And, even if we initially hit a bird, we eventually push our luck too hard, and miss many more than we hit.

Typically, it goes like this. A bird gets up and we are tangled in a tight stand of alders or hawthorns and we shoot from an unbalanced and awkward position – and miss. Often more than once.

The thing to do at this point is not make eye contact with your dog. You don't need to see the shame and disappointment on its face.

Miss often enough and the dog will start begging you for the gun. Or, at the very least, roll its eyes and blush every time you tell a hunting story.

Fortunately, I have trained my dog not to have those high hopes. This is a long and complicated training process that involves me missing many clay pigeons in front of her, getting tangled in the hawthorns in her presence and generally fumbling when a training bird rises.

After a few sessions of that, my dog is actually a cheerleader for me and when I hit a grouse in front of it, it actually gives me the kind of look my grade school teachers gave me when I got a D-plus or participation award. Basically, it says, "Well, that's pretty good, considering what you have to work with."

The ultimate goal is to make it an emotional support dog who can keep a secret.

This is a far healthier approach for both dog and hunter. Of course, you can't let up on this sort of training.

Next year, I'm hoping to teach it how to give me a pat on the back.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A sad loss of trust

IT SEEMS that you can't trust anyone or anything these days. And, that has become a serious, but much overlooked problem for our so-called civilized society.

A recent Pew Research Centre survey showed that only 20 per cent of adults in the United States trust the federal government to do the right thing. The survey shows Americans also have a declining trust in each other.

Some people blame declining trust on the Trump presidency, but it predates all the lies, misinformation, disinformation and deceptions of that administration.

In Canada, trust in government actually has risen dramatically this year. One survey, from the Edelman public relations firm, showed that 70 per cent of Canadians surveyed trust government during the pandemic.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The survey showed that 73 per cent of respondents agreed with government decisions to restrict people's movements during the pandemic.

Polls often show that only 50 per cent of Canadians trust the institution of government and its decisions.

As recently as last year an Edelman survey showed government ranked last among four institutional categories – the others being business, media, and non-government organizations. The pandemic put government firmly in first place.

"... Clearly, our political leaders are doing something right in fighting this pandemic," said Lisa Kimmel, head of Edelman's Canadian operations.

No matter what the polls show about trust and the pandemic, I believe most of us would say we Canadians have seen a general decline in trust, much like the Americans have.

Declining trust actually could, and probably is already, allowing the pandemic to spread more.

"Citizens expect democratic governments to be responsive to their health concerns," says Orkun Saja, co-author of a European bank study that says young adults who endure a pandemic tend to be more distrustful of governments for the rest of their lives.

"And where the public sector response is not sufficient to head off the epidemic, they revise their views in unfavourable ways."

The really bad news is that the pandemic likely will leave us with many psychological scars, including the declining lack of trust, for a long time to come.

The pandemic and the ensuing recession likely will see us all unwilling to resume previous spending and savings patterns. Experience with one recession makes people very sensitive to the possibility of another.

An overall decline in trust is becoming a serious concern for some people. One of those is Pete Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Indiana and unsuccessful candidate to become the Democratic presidential hopeful.

Buttigieg has just released a new book titled *Trust. America's Best Chance*. Buttigieg is not only a good speaker, he's a pretty good writer.

He writes that a General Social Survey has revealed that between 1972 and 2012 the percentage of people who say that most people can be trusted fell from 46 per cent to 32 per cent.

That, of course, was even before the Trump era.

He says that this decline in trust is not part of some natural ebb and flow, but a dramatic change over a specific period.

"It amounts to a genuine and historic emergency . . . And the better we can understand the toxic roots of this crisis, the better chance we have if addressing it."

I agree with Buttigieg on this because the opposite of trust is distrust, which really is a club we use in self-defence.

We must have high levels of trust to have healthy, functioning societies.

One of the recent studies on the decline of trust has an interesting quote from Mark Schmitt, director of New America's Political Reform Program: "Poor performance leads to deeper distrust, in turn leaving government in the hands of those with the least respect for it."

But the best quote on trust comes from Ernest Hemingway: "The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them."

Anyone who has been burned in the past is not likely to put full stock in that quote.

As Ronald Reagan, U.S. president and movie star, once said: "Trust but verify."

And, from Joseph Stalin, the Russian dictator: "I trust no one, not even myself."

Well he didn't exactly run a healthy, functioning society. And trust is indispensable for that.

letters to the editor

The facts on Frost

To the Editor,

Doubtless there will be ongoing discussions regarding the disposition of the Frost Centre lands.

Established by Conservative premier Leslie M. Frost, the centre pioneered conservation and the promotion of the natural environment. It became a model for training forest rangers and conservation officers.

Let's not cloud the facts, or forget who shut down this facility. It was the Liberal government of premier Dalton McGuinty!

What became of the archive of displays and

historic materials was never explained. In the subsequent efforts to reverse the action, and secure answers from the McGuinty government, Laurie Scott was a leading player, along with many others, including former warden Bill Davis.

It would be a disservice to the facts, and the legacy of the centre to suggest that all of Leslie Frost's "successors" were complicit in this shameful action!

Russ Wunker
Miners' Bay

Improve your balance

IT'S GETTING cold outside. That means snow and ice are a reality in the not too distant future. Now is a great time to take your balance to the next level. It doesn't matter what your abilities are at the moment, balance is something that can always be improved. It's also something that if you don't use it, you'll lose it.

Basically, the muscles of our bodies have one of two functions.

They either are responsible for movement or for stabilization. Movement without stability is a dangerous combination. That's when falls occur. The big secret is that we have to practice a repertoire of movements every single day in order to keep moving in all of the ways that we would like to. As an example, think about stepping in and out of the shower. There is a whole lot

of work done by the stabilizing muscles to keep us upright. Those muscles are trained every time we take a shower.

There are activities we don't do every day, such as walking on ice. The stabilizing muscles (and the associated nerves) that keep us safe in unpredictable circumstances like walking on ice are essentially taking a nap. It's not difficult to wake them up. It starts with standing up and standing on one foot at a time. Here's a progression of exercises you can try:

• Kick off your shoes and socks (barefoot is always better).

• Stand on your right foot (by the way, the right side is often weaker for right handed people) and count to 10. Change to the left side and repeat. As you get stronger progressively increase to a count of 20.

• When you get to 20, count on both sides, add swinging the non-supporting leg forward and backward slowly. Count each swing. Work at it until you can get to 20 on each side

• The next challenge is swinging your arms. Swing 'em in every direction you can think of while standing on one leg. Count to 10 before changing sides.

That last challenge mimics the body's movement when balance is lost. If it's practiced in a controlled manner all of the stabilizing muscles are jumping in to do their job to

keep us from falling.

There are so many opportunities to work on our balance. All that is needed is a flat surface and a few minutes. It's not like we don't have those two things available on a daily basis. Make the investment. You'll be glad that you did.

Something to think about.

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Practical Fitness

Jr. Book of the Month - November



When We Are Kind by Monique Gray Smith

When We Are Kind celebrates simple acts of everyday kindness and encourages children to explore how they feel when they initiate and receive acts of kindness in their lives. Celebrated author Monique Gray Smith has written many books on the topics of resilience and reconciliation and communicates an important message through carefully chosen words for readers of all ages. Beautifully illustrated by artist Nicole Neidhardt, this book encourages children to be kind to others and to themselves.

The perfect "pre-nap" book for children and guardians alike, check *When We Are Kind* from the nearest branch of the Haliburton County Public Library today.

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Bountiful Blessings seeks to provide

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The Anglican Parish of Minden, Kinmount and Maple Lake is filling a once-empty space on Minden's main street while also working toward filling a greater need in the community.

Bountiful Blessings, an upscale secondhand shop opened earlier this season, offers a shopping experience for unique finds, and helps support a gathering space at the back of the shop for anyone who requires a place to meet, get together, have a coffee or engage in an activity such as an art or music lesson or knitting circle at little to no cost. Organized and run by volunteers through the churches – St. Peter's in Maple Lake, St. James in Kinmount and St. Paul's in Minden – the shop offers a wide assortment of goods from books, DVDs, electronics, kitchen utensils, candles, antiques, Pyrex cookware, Willow Tree figurines, bikes, even a baby pram just like the one Kate Middleton uses. Proceeds raised in the front of the store will help fund programs in the back.

"This is a secondhand shop run by the church and all the proceeds that are raised will go back into programming," said Reverend Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark. "This is what we hope, this is what we pray for."

The idea for the downtown shop came after Cavanaugh-Clark took a course on ethnographic research, and wanted to offer more opportunities in the community.

"We need to do something in the heart of the village, we need to do something that there's a donation basket out, but people will have the opportunity to come into a relationship with Christ, no strings attached," she said. "And what can we offer in this community, particularly to the poor, the marginalized, the working poor."

As an involved community member, Cavanaugh-Clark is well-aware of the challenges people in the community face with inadequate or costly housing, unemployment or underemployment, the cost of living and poverty, noting several instances of fellow local residents who have experienced significantly difficult times even with two working adults in a household.

"The whole premise is to provide something in the community for those who don't have it, to encourage people's self-respect, and to say to kids, you're important. We're going to teach you how to knit, how to draw, whatever the case may be."

The secondhand shop won't replace the popular thrift shop on Invergordon Ave. run by St. Paul's Anglican Church.

"We engaged in the thrift shop for one particular reason, to fill a need in a community where 64.4 per cent of the children live in poverty," said Cavanaugh-Clark. "I had a lady come in a couple of years ago, and she said to me, your thrift shop is the first time in my kids' life – they were in Grade 4 and 5 – that they ever had two pairs of shoes, because I



Bountiful Blessings, located at 105 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, offers an upscale secondhand shopping experience while offering a community gathering space in the back of the building. / Submitted

couldn't afford anything else."

For years, proceeds from the thrift shop have helped to support groups, including Places for People, Fuel for Warmth and individuals needing help with anything from braces for children's teeth, to repairs that enable people to avoid car breakdowns on the way to work.

"Our mandate at the church is to quietly, unobtrusively, we don't need credit, is just to have a thrift shop where nothing unless it was brand new was over \$8," said Cavanaugh-Clark. "We've been extremely successful in that."

While the thrift shop has been closed since March, as the space does not allow for social distancing, Bountiful Blessings is open for business, with the possibility – COVID-19 restrictions allowing – for individuals or groups to use the back space in a way that ultimately gives back to the community.

"The sky's the limit," said Cavanaugh-Clark. "But ultimately it's to bring the presence of Christ to the heart of the village."

Bountiful Blessings is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 105 Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

World War One veterans share many memories

by MARTHA PERKINS
From the archives

This story was originally published in the Haliburton County Echo on Nov. 11, 1987.

Charlie Rumblelow and Jack Henderson share more than a room together at the Extencicare nursing home. More than 70 years ago, the two of them left their rural homes in the Haliburton Highlands to board a ship with 10,000 other Canadians ready and eager to fight the Huns in the war that was going to end all wars. Many wars have been fought and won since then, but it is their days as members of the 109th Battalion they'll remember the most.

"You can't describe the war; it's almost impossible," says Mr. Henderson, who as a young lad decided to leave the quiet rural life in West Guilford to sign up with the 109th. Asked who he felt he was going to be fighting for, Mr. Henderson replies, "We was fighting for Canada – but a little bit for everybody too."

His leaving made his family very sad but they were all very supportive too, especially his parents, John and Loretta. When he had to board the train to go to boot camp, his family was at the station with him to say goodbye.

Many of the lads on the train with him were friends, for most of the young men in the area felt the calling to go to war. From Haliburton they travelled to Lindsay where they learned how to use a gun at the Armoury.

When they were stationed in Barriefield for most of their training, they came under the watchful eye of Sgt. Major Allen.

"When he'd holler at us – he had to boss us – you'd hear him from here to Minden," Mr. Henderson remembers with a chuckle. "We didn't know much about the army 'til he got there."

On the boat going over to England, the men from Haliburton mixed with men from all over the country, and they all were anticipating the battles in store for them in Europe. "We was all the same. Oh, it was kind of exciting all right. A nice jolly bunch went over there."

In England, the reception for the Canadians was very warm, and once the Canadians got settled in, the feeling was reciprocated. "They thought a lot of Canadians all the way through the war. They were nice people and they thought we was pretty nice. You got used to them."

It was when he was fighting in France that Mr. Henderson got wounded. "There were a lot of us wounded that day," he remembers. The conditions of the war were terrible, and for this reason, many veterans do not like thinking about their days of fighting. "People don't want to talk about things like that. It brings back old times."

The same cannot be said about recalling the day he learned that armistice had been signed, and what that meant to him both at the moment and after the war.

"You just feel glad all over that's all; you don't know what you feel like," he says of his reaction to the news the Allies had been victorious.

Upon hearing the news, Mr. Henderson also felt free to make his own sort of proposal. As a patient in an English hospital, he had met a young English nurse whom he was fairly taken with. "When Armistice was signed, I knew where she was so I went there and asked her if she'd like to marry me and come to Canada.

"As far as I know, she was the most special woman in the world."

Young Peggy agreed but they both decided it would be best to wait until her sick and elderly parents no longer needed her care.

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It's an awful thing to have people killing one another.

— CHARLIE RUMBLELOW

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After they died, they felt free to make their own plans together.

"We was all tickled to death when we were coming back home again," he remembers. There weren't many cars in Haliburton in those days but people managed as best they could to arrive at the station to greet the returning heroes. What followed was a week of "a hometown party a lot of good times. It was lovely to be home and see Mother and Dad alive still – I wish they was yet. You couldn't beat them."

West Guilford was to be the Hendersons' home for more than 50 years of married life. Very happy years were spent after the war, looking back, even with all the travesties and inhumane conditions of war, Mr. Henderson says that when his English war bride died, "that was worse than the war."

Charlie Rumblelow still likes to give pictures of himself in uniform to all the women he meets. He's had dozens of copies made and the image of him, proudly posing for the photographer as an 18-year-old private, is one which makes his heart stir yet.

Mr. Rumblelow was only 17 when he enlisted for the army and 18 when he was accepted on December 10, 1915. Born north of Minden on the Bobcaygeon Road, he was anxious to do his part to answer the battle cry – "your King and Country need you now." Before he left the camp at Barriefield he was given a month's furlough and he used this time to go and visit his parents. He wouldn't see them again until he was discharged on April 1, 1919.

There were 10,000 men crammed on the Titanic's sister ship, but Mr. Rumblelow says that on German ships the same size there were 15,000 men.

Some of the men on the boat were just there a month before they'd be sent home with injuries, he remembers, but he was lucky enough never to be gassed.

"It's an awful thing to have people killing one another," and what he remembers vividly is watching the night skies during a battle. "There was a shell every half hour, night and day, exploding in the air." He compares it to watching fireworks all night, although the variety nowadays are much safer.

Sometimes the men would go days without anything to eat, and then it might not be much. He was never on the front lines but he did fight at Ypres and knows how terrible the war was.

"It was the war that started all wars," he says, making a pun on the early belief that after such a terrible war, there'd be no need for any others. "They'll never be another war (they said) and they've fought every day since some place."

This January, Mr. Rumblelow turns 90 years old, something which fills him with the same sense of pride he feels when he hands his photograph to a new visitor. Along with Mr. Henderson, they've been through a time which had few survivors and will never forget their friends left behind or the memories they shared.



Charlie Rumblelow of Minden, 18 years old in this photo, fought in the First World War. He said watching the night skies during battle was like a horrible fireworks show.



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Highlands Christmas Shindig set to warm homes

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The seventh annual Highlands Christmas Shindig is gearing up to warm the homes of residents throughout the county, both in supporting Fuel for Warmth's efforts to alleviate heating challenges during the winter season, and in connecting community both near and far with an entertaining show that promises to kickstart the season of spirited giving.

"At the end of November, we're into the shorter days, the weather starts to turn cold, Christmas is still a fair distance away, and I think for people it's that bright evening where they get to see some great local talent, they get to have a little fun along the way, they walk out feeling it was time well-spent, and they get to support a really important cause," said Mike Jaycock, who founded the annual Christmas pantomime alongside his dear friend Lorraine McNeil, leads a committee that organizes the show, writes the script and MCs the evening. "I think the Shindig has really developed into something that on the calendar makes a lot of sense and as an entity, provides people with exactly what they're looking for at that time of year. I think that's just marvellous."

The annual variety show will go on this year despite the pandemic, though instead of bringing the community together at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for an event that has historically been sold-out, viewers will be able to tune in to what promises to be a delightful show from the comfort of their own homes.

Jaycock said planning a digital show broadcasting live from three locations triples the level of attention for the planning and production team, but that he is grateful for the committee helping to pull it all together to continue the event's legacy of success and is excited to see what the night will bring.

"When we were meeting early in the season, at our first meeting, everybody said, we have to do this because we know the need is going to be greater this year, because of COVID and the employment situation resulting from that,



Dame Beatrice laughs with the audience during some banter with musicians Rob Muir, left, and Nick Russell at the Highlands Christmas Shindig in 2018./File photo

has put many more people under pressure, and we're positive... that there's going to be a much greater need this year," said Jaycock. "To a person, they all said, let's go for it, let's do it."

The Highlands Christmas Shindig will be broadcast live from www.shindigtv.ca, with the website being made available in advance so those planning on watching can test their home set-up and ensure everything is in working order ahead of the show. The Shindig will be available to viewers from

any location, via internet.

"We can accommodate about 230 people in the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, and as someone on the committee said, you know, [online] we could end up having a few thousand people watching this," said Jaycock.

Year after year, Jaycock has famously brought to life Dame Beatrice on stage as host. "I'm quite excited to see what she'll be wearing as well," he said, in response to what bedazzling

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Local talent and national celebrities to participate in Shindig

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look he might adorn his beloved alter ego with this year. “Melissa Stephens approached me and said she would be delighted to come up with an ensemble for Dame Beatrice and I thought, oh, well, the costume maker supreme. So I said to Melissa, just a week ago, Dame Beatrice has to think about her accoutrements, her necklace, her bracelet, her fancy glasses – what colour is she going to be wearing? And Melissa said, ‘there’ll be a lot of gold!’ That was it. So I think it will be a bit of a mystery up to the week before but I have no doubt that it will be appropriate.”

The first few shows, Jaycock co-hosted alongside Elf, played by McNeil, who passed in 2018, and later alongside his brother Peter’s Sir Cedric Bridlington and Penelope, portrayed by Victoria Bingham. The Jaycocks and Bingham are set to return for the show, with the trio broadcasting from Littlesex, England through the magic of a green screen at Canoe FM Radio Hall – surely getting up to their usual enjoyable shenanigans of roasting local politicians and well-known community members, commenting on current events and announcing a stellar set of local talent.

“There will be more pressure because we won’t have the audience reaction, but at the same time we have the opportunity to create a little team spirit and hopefully generate fun amongst ourselves and that will translate into good television,” said Jaycock.

He is proud of the talented acts that the 2020 show boasts, most who he said responded very quickly with an interest in being part of the Shindig. This year, Kate



In this file photo, Dame Beatrice and Santa presented the \$21,770 cheque to Fuel for Warmth's Marilynne Lesperance and Joanne Barnes at a soldout Highlands Christmas Shindig at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. The event has since raised \$110,000 for Fuel for Warmth./DARREN LUM Staff

Campbell and Nick Russell, Bill Candy, and Chad Ingram and Tim Tofflemire will perform from a new venue within the Dominion Hotel, while Stan Russell and Tom Regina, Carl Dixon and Richard Margison take to the stage at Haliburton Highlands Museum for the 90-minute show. Appearances will also

be made by Canadian celebrities including Rick Mercer, Kurt Browning, Ron James and Steve Smith, with messages in support of the Shindig’s efforts. Broadcasting online from three different locations requires three separate production teams of community volunteers, including Jack Brezina, Betty

and David Mills, Sean Pennylegion, Heather Smith, Barb Murphy and Mike Jaycock, and a tech team of Tammy Rea, Jim Love, Nick Russell and Mark Tomlinson – each location will be overseen by a small crew of a camera person, an audio controller and a producer.

“It’s a very cool group of people that are really coming together to make this happen,” said Rea, who said she has seen the song list and teased the choices are perfect.

The fundraiser has, in the previous six years, brought in more than \$110,000 for Fuel for Warmth, a volunteer charitable agency which provides temporary emergency heat assistance to those around Haliburton County in need of help with their heating bills or obtaining fuel. This year, rather than purchasing tickets for the show at a set price, viewers will be able to donate what they can online, and the show is also sponsored by local businesses and individuals.

“I think we’re all aware that warmth and food have been a challenge for many people for many years, but this year it is pandemic-level,” said Rea. “It’s going to be a hard time, it really is. That’s why I’m so proud of the Shindig, because I really feel like, everyone’s putting so much effort into trying to make it so the community can hold hands, and kind of be together before we get into this, and to just share what we have for the winter.”

“If we achieve our objective – we give good entertainment and do well for Fuel for Warmth – then that’s a great pre-Christmas gift for all of us,” said Jaycock.

The Highlands Christmas Shindig takes place Saturday evening, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. For more information visit www.shindigtv.ca and www.fuelforwarmth.com/.

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Resident wins award from Ryerson

Haliburton County resident Terry Hartwick, a member of the Long-Term Care Coalition Haliburton-City of Kawartha Lakes, has received the Storytelling for Change Award from the Institute of Change Leadership at Ryerson University.

“In May, during a workshop geared toward action around Canada’s long-term care crisis, Terry told her heartbreaking story about the tragedy of the evacuation at Highland Wood LTC in February of 2018, in which her mother resided,” reads a release from the coalition. “She described her feelings as she waited with her mom and many other elderly people bundled in their winter attire and blankets. ‘They were waiting for the next van or bus coming to take them to some new residence they had never been in, and where they may not know anyone ... some far from their families.’”

Hartwick was amazed she had won the award and is grateful to the Institute for honouring her story in this way. “The ICL storytelling and the people I met through it, were

“The ICL storytelling and the people I met through it, were the catalyst to motivate me to advocate for changes in long-term care.

— TERRY HARTWICK

the catalyst to motivate me to advocate for changes in long-term care,” she said in the release.

Hartwick’s achievement will be celebrated during a virtual celebration of the institute’s fourth anniversary on Nov. 12.

Staff



SIRCH opens bistro in Haliburton

SIRCH Community Services has opened a bistro and marketplace in Haliburton, where it can run its Cook It Up and Ready For Retail programs. Here, staff assemble lunches on the bistro's first day, Nov. 4. The bistro at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the popular Lunch Is On Us free meal program each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The space will also be used for SIRCH's Community Kitchen, where volunteers prepare meals to be distributed to people in need around the county, as well as retail space for local entrepreneurs and artists. Meeting space may be available as well. /JENN WATT Staff

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Answers on page 14

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Wendy Ladurantaye speaks with customers at SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace on its first day open, Nov. 4. The bistro is in the former Shopper's Drugmart at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton, open Monday to Friday.

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Families who think they'll need some help with food and toys this Christmas season are asked to register with the Minden Community Food Centre for its Christmas hamper program, which will take a drive-thru format this year amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School commemorated Remembrance Day with staff, students and community members contributing to the creation of a virtual ceremony the school will stream from their YouTube channel.



Wreaths representing 14 different classrooms were created by students for the school's Remembrance Day ceremony./Submitted photo



Logan and Aaron, representing Class iA.



Nicole and Emery representing iB.



Kaleb and Ava representing KA. /Submitted photo

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County of Haliburton Notices

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Wednesday November 25, 2020

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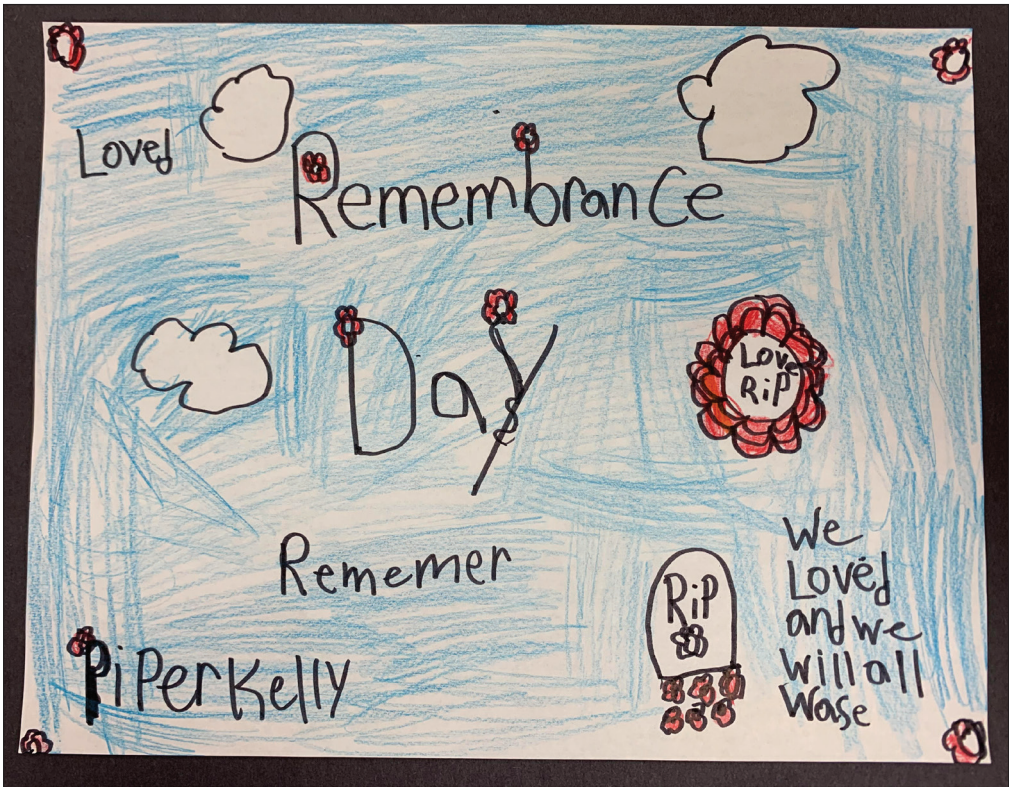
Monday, November 23, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.
to consider the draft Shoreline Preservation By-law

AND FURTHER THAT this meeting will be held through remote electronic means in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 and an Order in Council of March 28, 2020, which amended the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

The meeting agenda will be available electronically at:
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The media and the general public can view the Special Meeting of County Council webcast via the County of Haliburton YouTube channel:
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Archie Stouffer Remembers



Artwork commemorating Remembrance Day created by students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School will contribute to a ceremony live streamed on the school's YouTube page on Nov. 11./ Submitted



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650 OBITUARIES



W. Bernice Rogers

March 10, 1927 – Boskung, Haliburton County, Ontario.
November 8, 2020 - Sarnia, Ontario

Bernice was born at her grandfather's home in Boskung Ontario to parents Muriel and Alex Hewitt. She grew up in the village of Carnarvon Ontario where the family cottage is still located. She loved to spend several months there every summer. She and Tom Rogers, also from Carnarvon, married in 1947 and moved to Sarnia where Bernice lived for 73 years except for 2 years in Toronto and 4 years in Calgary when Tom was transferred with Imperial Oil.

Bernice made friends wherever she was. She sang in choirs at St Paul's United and Grace United Church in Sarnia and St. Andrews United Church in Calgary. She was a Sunday School Superintendent and teacher, and active in the UCW. She was a member of Lt. J.D. Wright IODE chapter in Sarnia from the 1950's until it disbanded in 2002 and a charter member of the Sarcee IODE Chapter in Calgary.

Outgoing and adventurous, Bernice loved to laugh, sing and travel. Everyone was welcome at her table for delicious meals and the best pies. She was a good listener and a mentor to many. You knew where you stood with her. She was our family's "Maxine".

In 1977, at the age of 50, Bernice graduated from Lambton College with her RN diploma. She has maintained her friendship with many of her co-workers who always called her "Mother". She worked in CCU at the Sarnia General Hospital until her retirement in 1992.

After Tom's death in 1992, Bernice remarried in 1994 to Clint Sykes. The adventures continued as they travelled to Europe, the British Isles, Aruba and spent summers at the cottage.

Bernice is survived by her husband Clint, her children, Carol (Brent Waddell), Steve (Donna), daughter-in-law, Laura; her grandchildren, Graham (Janis), Lia (Trevor Textor), David (Keara) Waddell, Matthew (Christie), Jason and Kevin; and her great-grandchildren, Taylor, Lucas, Cameron, William, Josie, Hannah, Quinn, and Rory.

Clint's sons, Rod (Marilyn) and Andy (Marielle), his grandchildren, Rory (Kelly), Susie (Darcy), Scott (Kristen), Lisa (Ben Gooch), and his great grandchildren, Sammy, Josie, Sophie, Anna, Peter and Penny were dear to her. She is also survived by her brother Wilf (Carol) Hewitt, her aunt Phyllis (Sue) Cranley, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

Bernice was predeceased by her parents, her husband Tom (1992) and her son Michael (2015).

Bernice was at Afton Park Place for the last 4 months of her life. We wish to thank the staff there for the kindness, care and attention they showed to Mum during that time.

A private family service will be held with a later public service when circumstances permit. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice (cheques only at the funeral home please). Arrangements entrusted to SMITH FUNERAL HOME, 1576 London Line, Sarnia.

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Despite deficit Chamber outlook is optimistic

After a year of successful programs and steady membership growth, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce launched itself into another year Wednesday evening. The occasion was the group's annual meeting held at the Wig-A-Mog Inn with over 140 in attendance.

The optimistic outlook for the coming year and the success of the past summer tourist season seemed to allow most members to ignore the Chamber's financial deficit for the year of \$21,941. Coupled with last year's indebtedness, the organization is \$30,349 in the hole.

Despite this gloomy financial news, the mood of the crowd was definitely up.

Chamber of Commerce manager Shirley Rapson reported the organization experienced a membership growth of 49%. This announcement drew a round of applause from the audience.

She also reported increased co-operation with other business organizations in the county including the Scenic Highway 35 Association, the Wilberforce Business Association and

Haliburton Business Association. The Chamber has also been working with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, the Paudash Snowmobile Club and the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife to promote snowmobiling, she said.

In this regard, the Chamber assisted in co-ordinating the visit of the editor of a major snowmobile magazine last winter. An article on the snowmobiling facilities in this area is expected to appear in early December across North America.

Rapson reported a growing interest in lodge-to-lodge skiing on the part of cross-country skiers.

The manager and her staff have been promoting this area at a number of trade shows in Toronto and the northern New York State area as well as at the Ontario tourist information booth located in the Eaton's Centre.

She also reported to the meeting that visits at the information booth located on Highway 35 at Minden were up some 33% with 9044 inquiries being fielded during the past year. 87% of the visitors who stopped at

the booth were from Ontario while 11% were visitors from the United States. The most requested information was about accommodation facilities and for a map of the Highlands.

President of the Chamber's Board of directors, Shawn Hagerman told the audience that the organization had accomplished a great deal during the year. "We still have problems, however," he noted, alluding to the deficit.

"We need your support and drive," he told the members. "We've got to get better, the day we stay the same is the day we fall behind." Hagerman noted that the promotional efforts of tourist boards in areas adjacent to our own is increasing. He said the Haliburton effort will have to match these if the area is to retain its share of the tourism market.

Victoria Haliburton MPP, John Eakins, the provincial minister of tourism, was introduced by the county Warden, Harry Davis. Eakins paid tribute to Earl Cooper who was selected the Highlander of the Year. "I am delighted with your selection," Eakins said, "I always felt he would make a good Citizen of the Year."

Eakins noted the contribution that his ministry had made to the growth of tourism in the province. "We have improved highway signage for tourist attractions," he told the audience, and improved highways, making access easier. He noted that the \$1.5 million extension of the Haliburton sewer system to the north Lake Kashagawigamog resorts will not only improve the services offered by these facilities but will ensure the continuing good water quality of the area lakes.

The tourism minister then went on to describe the latest government financial program designed to assist tourist operators. Called Destinations East, the program covers all aspects of the tourist trade in eastern Ontario, including this riding, with a combination

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Chamber of Commerce President Shawn Hagerman, right, presents the 1986 Highlander of the Year Earl Cooper with a plaque during the Association's annual meeting Wednesday at Wig-A-Mog Inn.

Earl Cooper honoured

Kings may come and Kings may go, but the man who leads the parade remains.

The leader of so many Haliburton County "parades", perhaps one of the most recognized individuals in the county, Piper Earl Cooper, was named Highlander of the Year at the annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Surrounded by his family, Earl registered surprise and delight as his name was read out as this year's recipient of the award.

A short time earlier he had led the dinner's head table delegation to their places with a stirring playing of the pipes. Dressed in the Highlands tartan and accompanied by the rhythmic clapping of the audience, Earl once again assumed his customary place at the head of the line of dignitaries. Little did he know that he was counted among those dignitaries he led into the room and not just performing at another of innumerable functions.

As the county piper, an unofficial title that he has earned, Earl Cooper has piped in many a head table. Among the dignitaries to have followed the skirl of his pipes are Ontario Premier William Davis, Lieutenant Governor Pauline Me-

Gibbon and, during a visit to Lindsay, Canadian Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Between these notables, Earl has played at banquets, dinners and celebrations. He has led parades, provided a poignant dirge for the deceased and added to the joy of wedding celebrations.

In addition to his many performances for private functions, Earl is pipe major of the Branch 129 Royal Canadian Legion pipe band. A piper for 40 years, Earl has led his three sons into the art. This past summer,

George, Alan and Andrew, joined their father at the head of the Branch 129 pipe band in the Haliburton County Fair parade. It was the first time the four had played together at a public function.

Honoured for his dedication to the Highlands and the continued service to the community, the announcement of Earl's selection as Highlander of the Year drew a standing ovation from the capacity crowd in attendance Wednesday evening.

Legions plan remembrance services

Once again this year, branches of the Royal Canadian Legion will be co-ordinating Remembrance Day ceremonies in communities throughout the Highlands. An invitation has been extended to the general public to join the legion members and veterans as they remember those who made the supreme sacrifice.

- In Minden, Sunday November 9, veterans will gather at Minden arena to parade to the Memorial Cairn beside the Library/Cultural Centre at 2 p.m.

- Kinmount Legion Branch 441 will hold their services Tuesday, November 11 with a parade to the Cenotaph at 11 a.m.

- In Wilberforce, members of Branch 624 will gather at the firehall at 10:30 a.m. November 11 and parade to the Cenotaph for the service of remembrance at 11 a.m.

- Haliburton Branch 129 members and veterans will gather at the legion for a service at 10 a.m. and then march to the Cenotaph in Haliburton Village for the annual service of remembrance at 11 a.m. The parade will then return to the legion hall in Haliburton.

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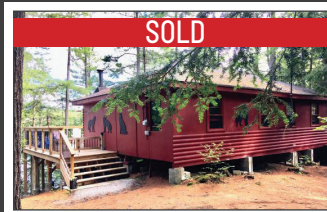
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Moose Lake \$899,000

- Private location, 5+ acres & 325' of waterfront
- 4 bedrooms, 1 full bath & 2 half baths
- Open concept living area & 3 walkouts
- Ideal location on a 2-lake chain



Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Burdock Lake

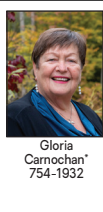
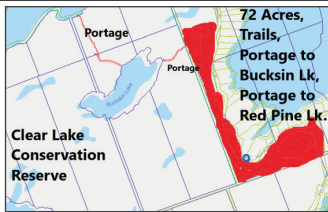
- 106 ft of clean deep shoreline great for swimming
- Motor restricted lake with fantastic fishing
- 2 bedrooms, large living room, deck facing the lake
- Private driveway lined in Hemlocks



Andy Campbell
854-0292

On The Spot Variety

- Well established main street location
- Increasing lottery commission/revenues
- Suitable for family business



Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

West Shore Rd Kennis Lk \$279,000

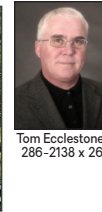
- 72 ac of forest /trails, also trail 2 Buckskin
- Portage 2 Redpine Lk, for canoe routes
- Snowmobiling, ATVing, biking, horse riding



Mark Denny's
457-0473

Private Getaway \$189,000

- 333 Ft Rd Frtg, 25 Acres
- Apprx 636 Sq Ft, 160 Sq Ft Shed
- Flat, Private, Bush, Dug Well
- No Hydro, Generator in Place



Tom Ecclestone
286-2138 x 26

Gull River Minden \$399,000

- 2 self contained 3 season cottages
- 235' of mixed shoreline, great swimming
- Just minutes to Minden or Big Gull Lake
- Excellent weekly rental income



Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Brady Lake \$799,900

- Main house and guest cottage – both winterized
- Ultimate privacy with million dollar views!
- Over 200 feet of waterfront
- Renovations galore!



Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Davis Lake Rd \$229,900

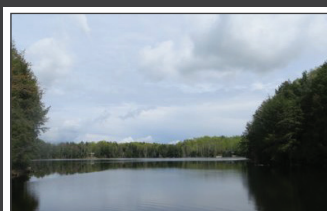
- 12 Acres, 500 ft from public access to Davis Lk
- Ideal building site overlooks pond on Crown Land
- Hydro & Bell at lot line



Susanne James**
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Long Lake - Building Lot \$209,900

- Awesome 2-Lake chain (Long & Miskwabi)
- Driveway and building site cleared
- 110 feet of shoreline
- Elevated lot with great view, summer sunsets



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

West Lake Building Lot \$265,300

- Prime lot with a stunning view over the Lake
- Year-round township road, terrific building site
- Hydro & Bell are available at the lot line



Donna McCallum*
455-2054

Commercial Opportunity \$599,000

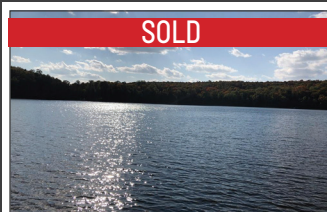
- Two parcels zoning 59 acres, 5 acres zoned commercial highway, 54 zoned disposal industrial
- Modern 3-bedroom, 2 bath home
- Approx. 7000 sq ft of space between 2 shops



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

Haliburton Village \$300,000

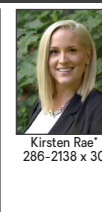
- 2-Bedroom, 1 bath home, COMPLETELY renovated in 2020
- Right in downtown Haliburton, great starter or retirement location



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Wenona Lake \$249,900

- Rippled sand shoreline with Southwest exposure
- Level at the lakeside with useable open space
- Private, nicely treed lot on a year-round road
- Great opportunity to build your dream cottage!



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Industrial Park Rd \$1,200,000

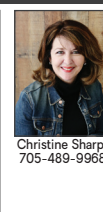
- 10,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this fantastic building!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Wilberforce Home \$299,000

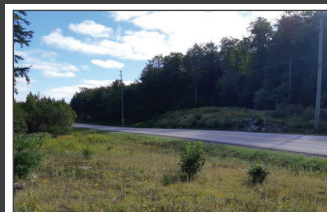
- In town 3 bedroom home with many upgrades
- New roof, freshly painted & cupboards
- Walk to amenities.



Christine Sharp*
705-469-9968

Harburn Road \$114,400

- Privacy plus, 4.66 acres
- Driveway in
- Septic approved



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

County Road 21 \$179,000

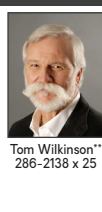
- Acreage close to Haliburton Village & Pinestone Resort
- Beautifully Treed with driveway already installed.
- Ultimate privacy for residential use!



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Haliburton Home \$429,000

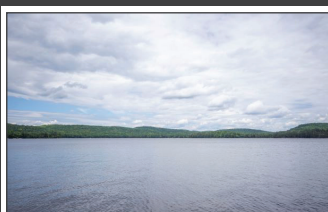
- Newer 3-bedroom, 2 bath home with good access to town & across from the rail trail
- Nicely finished, open concept living space and fully finished lower level



Tom Wilkinson**
286-2138 x 25

Bushwolf Lake \$1,345,000

- Over 750 acres of wilderness to explore
- Over 9000 feet of waterfront on Bushwolf Lake
- Your only limit is your own imagination



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Percy Lake \$680,000

- 3.9 acre building lot, 555' of waterfront
- Incredible point lot with big lake views
- Private location, driveway installed
- HST INCLUDED!

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